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In re the Application of: Ito et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2812
Serial No. 09/801,025	)	Examiner: Jackson, Jr., Jerome
Filed: March 7, 2001	)	
For: DRIVER CIRCUITS AND METHODS	)	
FOR MANUFACTURING DRIVER	)	
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### TRANSMITTAL OF FOURTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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